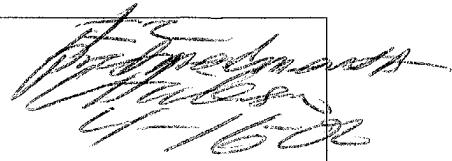


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In re application of: Michio KADOTA
Divisional Application of Parent Serial No.: 09/613,777
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**For: SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE DEVICE AND
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS**



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please add the following new paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/613,777 filed July 11, 2000, currently pending.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace Claim 15 with the following new claim.

15. A surface acoustic wave device comprising:

a piezoelectric substrate;

at least two first interdigital transducers provided on a surface of the piezoelectric substrate;

at least two second interdigital transducers provided on the surface of the piezoelectric substrate;

and

a coupler having a plurality of metal strips and disposed on the piezoelectric substrate, the coupler located between a pair of said at least two first interdigital transducers, and between a pair of said at least

Fig 4